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1. [] the following factories in the Soviet Union which were engaged in the production of nylon hose as late as 1950:

a. The Moscow Factory (Moskovskaya Fabrika)
b. The Kharkov Factory (Kharkovskaya Fabrika)
c. The Rostov-on-Don Factory (Rostov na Donu)
d. The Red Flag Factory (Krasnoye Znamya) in
was also engaged in the production of other
hosiery. [REDACTED]

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2. Before World War II there were no nylon hose factories in the USSR. Production began on this product, however, soon after that time and continued until 1949, when nylon hosiery disappeared from the stores. In 1950 nylon hose were rarely obtainable, although it was reported that they were still being produced. [redacted] however, of Soviet-manufactured nylon underwear.
3. Because of the large production after World War II, nylon hosiery was relatively easy to buy and large quantities were sold. The hose were obtainable at the home factories to both stores and individuals. The price of nylon hosiery in 1949 ranged from 40 to 80 rubles a pair. That same year nylon hose began to disappear from the stores and by 1950 were quite difficult to find. [redacted] the 25X1 production of nylon was diverted from business channels and exploited for military use.

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- 25X1 4. The quality of Soviet manufactured nylon hosiery was terribly poor; [] the hose were unsuitable for ironing /sic/, and that at a temperature of 200°C the nylon hose would liquify. Moreover, it was reported that the grade of nylon hose produced in 1950 was injurious to the leg /sic/.

Artificial Silk

- 25X1 5. [] any details on the matter, [] 25X1
Soviet experiments in the field of artificial silk. Some of the factories [] /paragraph #1/ were used as laboratories for the experimentation of artificial silk in the preparation of explosives.

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